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LB 1025A, 1116

Medicaid is spending a lot of money on nurses and we need more nurses and we need to know where those nurses need to be located, and \$60,000 to do that seems to be a reasonable amount to ask for and I appreciate it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Open for discussion on the advancement of LB 1025A. Seeing no lights on, Senator Suttle, did you wish to...Senator Suttle waives closing. The question before the body is, shall LB 1025A be advanced to E & R Initial? All in favor of the question vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 1025A.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 1025A does advance to E & R Initial. Mr. Clerk, next agenda item.

CLERK: Senator Schimek offers LB 1116. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 10, referred to the Urban Affairs Committee, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments, Mr. President. (AM2135, Legislative Journal page 462.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek, to open on LB 1116.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. I believe this bill is a very quick bill, a very easy bill. It is one that would allow cities of the primary class, which is Lincoln, to establish a biennial budget process. The statutes reference annual budgets only and the city of Lincoln would like the opportunity to go to biennial budgeting. If we did adopt this bill, then the city of Lincoln would probably have to adopt a charter provision allowing it, so that means that it would go to a vote of the people of the city of Lincoln. The good thing about a biennial budget, of course, is that it allows the...the city more time between budgets to work on a budget, it allows for some long range...longer range planning on the city's part, and I think it will result in increased efficiency and allow elected officials to focus on other priorities during the second year of the biennium. As you all know, it works well for the state of Nebraska and I think it's a good step forward for the